

### **REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 8, 2008, Applicants have amended independent claims 38, 52, and 74 to recite, "for receiving and transporting individuals or equipment," as recited in the originally elected claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are directed to the elected invention and thereby elect all pending claims in the application, including claims 38-42, 44-49, 52-61, 64-71, 74, and 76-87, without traverse.

### **CONCLUSION**

If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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